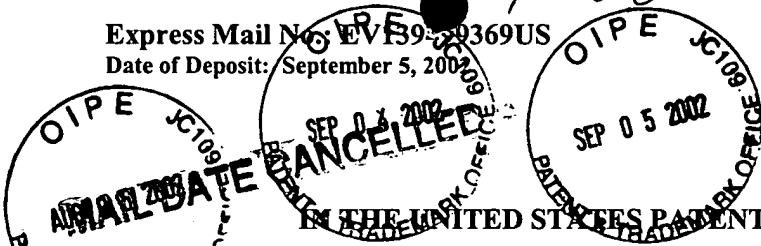


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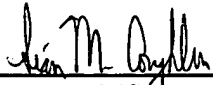
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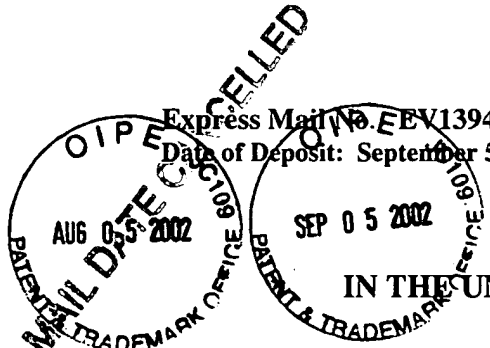


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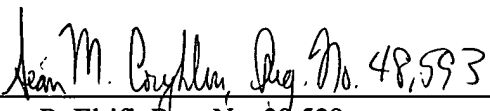
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In response to the May 7, 2002, Restriction Requirement application, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4, 38, and 41, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350 and SEQ ID NO: 8.

Applicants file a Preliminary Amendment herewith adding claims 50-54 that are also within the elected group and link the invention of Group I to the invention of the new claims. In light of In Re Ochiai and In Re Brouwer (Official Gazette, March 26, 1996 which establishes guidelines for treatment of product and process claims), such a linking claim permits joinder of claims relating to the making of a novel product or the use of a novel composition with the method of making the product or using the composition. In the present case, the linking claims use the novel nucleic acids of the invention with new claims 50-54 in a method of making the novel polypeptides of group I.

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